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Saying Farewell and Godspeed to Luis and Margie Madrigal



Church-wide Luncheon to Celebrate the Retirement of Luis and Margie Madrigal

**Sunday, November 6
11:15 - 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall**

Join the entire PPC family as we bid farewell to Luis and Margie Madrigal and celebrate their ministry among us. Lunch will be catered by Chiquita Bonita Restaurant. There is no cost for lunch.

Madrigal Memory Book

PPC is putting together a memory book for Luis and Margie. You may bring submissions to the table on the patio or pick up supplies to help you contribute to this special book, which will be presented at the luncheon on November 6.

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A message from Dr. Mark Smutny

Dear Friends,

“Without vision the people perish.” “Without our feet firmly rooted on the ground, vision is nothing but airy clouds.” Visionaries and bean counters, dreamers and accountants, futurists and realists—God made them all. We need each.

Say the visionaries: As we enter the heart of Stewardship season, we have a vision of an ordained associate pastor for English-language ministry who can continue to energize young adult ministry, bring vitality to worship, strengthen our outreach and help grow our church. We have a vision of new pastoral leadership for our Spanish language ministry. He or she will passionately embrace the multicultural vision that has become the essence of PPC and will lead the Latino flock with compassion and faithfulness. We have a vision of recognizing the ten-year tenure of The Reverend Hyun Sung with compensation that goes well beyond the current Presbytery minimum salary he receives. For such a gifted, brilliant and successful pastor, he deserves so much more.

Say the realists: In 2012, we lose \$100,000 in income from the departure of San Francisco Theological Seminary. The PPC Foundation draw is down. Medical insurance costs are up. We need to make full payments on the heating loan. The campus building repairs are unpredictable. The economy is weak.

Without vision the people perish. Without our feet rooted on the ground

What would it take in our giving to realize our vision? What personal and collective sacrifices would it take? What acts of faithfulness would it take to enact the vision with our feet planted firmly on the ground?

Stay tuned.

Faithfully yours,

Dr. Mark Smutny



Multicultural Festival Worship Sunday, November 20 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

All Language Ministries Together
All Choirs Participating

Multicultural Thanksgiving
Luncheon following Worship

All are invited! No education classes will take place that day. Cuisine will be from our Hispanic and Korean kitchens as well as the traditional turkey with all the trimmings.

In South Hall and Fellowship Hall
(\$6 per person; \$15 cap per family)

Thanksgiving Opportunity!

Pasadena City College has a large number of student veterans, young people who are transitioning from deployment back to civilian life. This transition is difficult, and many young people are looking for safe relationships and communities of care. PPC has the opportunity to host student veterans in our homes this Fall for Thanksgiving Dinners. If you are interested, please contact Renee Roederer at renee.roederer@yahoo.com.

We Congratulate Erin Tamayo!

Erin Tamayo, one of the young adult participants in L.I.F.T., was ordained into the Presbytery of the Pacific at Immanuel Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 16th. Erin will be working full-time as an advocate for workers at CLUE-LA (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice). In her time at CLUE, Erin has worked intimately with the negotiations of Southern California grocery workers at Ralphs, Vons, and Albertsons, and she has provided leadership for the CLEAN Carwash Campaign, advocating for fair working conditions for carwash workers. She will also serve in the ministry of Word and Sacrament at Immanuel Presbyterian Church as a Teaching Elder. Please join L.I.F.T. in congratulating Erin and her husband Andres! We are grateful for their ministry and their participation in our community.



Town Hall Meeting November 13

Hear a report on and discuss a proposal to call an Associate Pastor for English-language ministry needs and about changes in pastoral leadership for our Spanish-language Ministry as a result of The Reverend Luis Madrigal's retirement.

Greenery on Sale Now!

Presbyterian Women is selling greenery – wreaths, swags, and centerpieces – for the holiday season. Place your order today at the table on the patio for delivery in early December.

For the Record

Deaths

Susan Messier died September 29, 2011.

Lunch and the Pacific Asia Museum Sunday, November 13 -- for free!



Have you ever noticed the brightly-painted wall with Chinese imagery just a block west of the church? That's the north wall of the Pacific Asia Museum, a historic location that houses one of only four collections of Pacific Asian art in the United States.

And it's within walking distance of PPC!

Congregational Life Committee is hosting a light lunch and trip to the museum on Sunday, Nov. 13 following English-language adult education (about 12:20 p.m.). We'll start with sandwiches in one of the Kirk House classrooms, and walk over to the museum for a docent-led tour.

The current exhibit, "Auspicious Beauty: Korean Folk Painting", is of special interest to our multicultural congregation. The paintings come from the Joseon dynasty and illustrates themes such as scholar's items, birds and flowers, and mythical animals.

The museum building was originally the residence of Grace Nicholson, an avid collector of Asian art. She built it in 1924 in a Chinese style to house her home, galleries, and as a center for culture and learning.

CLC is picking up all the cost for this event as a welcome to the new program year, so be sure to come and take advantage of this opportunity. The website for the Pacific Asia Museum is <http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org>. For more information, call Laura Monteros, (626) 794-3217.



Friends of Music 2011-2012

Free Admission
Voluntary Offering

Organist Timothy Howard

**Saturday, November 19, 2011
7:30 PM**

PPC's Organist/Music Director, Timothy Howard, presents an eclectic recital on the magnificent Aeolian-Skinner Sanctuary Organ as part of the Friends of Music series.



Adult Education Sundays at 11:20 a.m.

Bible Basics

Elder Robert Thomas is leading this series which uses a light-hearted, but informative animated video series entitled "What's in the Bible (With Buck Denver)?" Even if you know a lot about the Old Testament (or think you do), you'll never view the Scriptures in quite the same way after watching Buck, Pastor Paul, Brother Louie, Sunday School lady and others explore the scriptures.

Responding to 9/11

Explore sacred music, poetry, art, and film to help reflect upon both what has happened to our community and the role hope may have in a time of stark uncertainty. Please come prepared to explore themes that may give us some of the resources needed to live in our troubled times. Facilitated by Doug Dailey, Eric Westrope, and others.

FREE CONCERTS WEDNESDAYS AT 12:10 PM

November 2
Novel3 Trio

November 9
Aneta Augustyn, soprano

November 16
Viklarbo Chamber Ensemble

November 23
Mina Perry, piano

November 30
Anita Protich, soprano
David Troy Francis, pianist

Lunch is available following
the concert for a \$6 donation.

MUSIC AT NOON

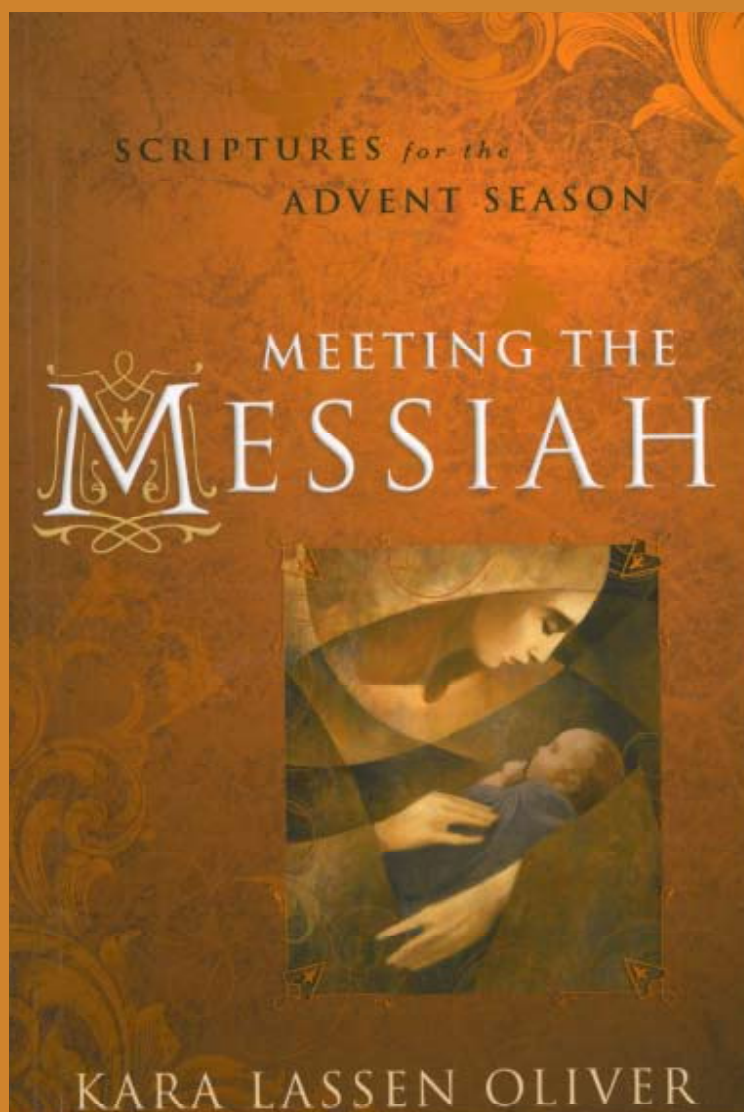


From Rev. Luis Madrigal

It was July 1999 and I was asked by members of the old Hispanic Commission of the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii if I would please find where some 45 Latino/a Presbyterians were. It turns out they were worshipping in Mr. Gabriel Ochoa's home. They in no uncertain terms told me that they didn't want to return to their old church. I provided Pastoral care to this group that called itself Hogar Cristiano. What were we going to do?

Then I was contacted by elder Andrew Gutierrez of our own PPC. Andy and several others here at PPC were deeply involved in studying the characteristics of the Multicultural Church. After a dinner meeting with Andy, Mark Smutny, Mark Wareham, Bryce Little, I was asked to bring the group to PPC for a trial of up to six months. The 45 plus were received in the membership of PPC on Homecoming Sunday, 2000. And this was the beginning of a worldview shake up in my life. From day one I felt received as a colleague with all the responsibilities and privileges.

Now after 12 years Margie and I sense it's time for us to retire. We want to thank each and every one of you for making our time here at PPC such a great experience. All that we have attempted to do has been made successful because so many of you helped us. When we celebrated "Happy Birthday, Jesus," some 40 to 45 of you volunteered to serve as elves. When we asked for additional items for the food baskets you responded with plenty to supplement them. For these and many other expressions of help we thank you all. We will miss all of you. May the Lord grant you His peace and love!!!



Advent Small Groups

Our Christian tradition and our church provide rituals and ceremonies that aim to slow us down in order to appreciate and recognize the importance of this season we call Advent. But often our daily thoughts and activities are pushed and pulled toward more secular tasks.

You are invited to choose a countercultural path this season – to take time to pray, to listen, to wait expectantly for the arrival of the Christ child. We welcome you to the waiting, the anticipation; a journey of prophecies fulfilled, divine visitations, faith and obedience, unexpected guests and precious gifts.

You are invited to *Meeting the Messiah*, the Advent study for this small group season. Participants will meet weekly during the four weeks of Advent (November 27 – December 18). Look for more information at the table on the patio and make reservations to join a small group to gain new perspectives on the Christ child.

Christmas Carols, Cookies, Crafts

Saturday, December 3
2:00 - 5:00 pm



Please join us as we kick off this coming season of Advent on Saturday, December 3 from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. This will be a wonderful time for friends and families to get together and sing a couple Christmas carols, make a snowman and an ornament or two while we enjoy cookies and cocoa. Hope to see you all there!



ROSE PARADE MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2012

Have you circled the date on your calendar yet? The Rose Parade rolls by PPC and you can view it from the grandstand and get a continental breakfast and indoor restrooms to boot!

There are several ways to get your order form. You can go to PPC's website and follow the links to print your form. Or, you can call the PPC Rose Parade hotline at (626) 793-2191, ext. 353 and leave your mailing address or e-mail address and we can get a form out to you. You can also purchase tickets on the patio soon (watch for an announcement in the bulletin).

\$45 for PPC members

\$65 for non-members

\$45 for clergy and active-duty military personnel

Parking will be available in the Union Street lot; \$20 per car, \$50 per RV. Call Laura Monteros or the church office if you are interested in volunteering either the day of the parade or the day before for food preparation.



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 1
Session

November 2
L.I.F.T. Bible Study

November 3
Bibles & Bagels

November 5
Green & Greener

November 6
Farewell Luncheon

November 8
Presbytery

November 14
Women's Bible Study

November 15
Listening for God class

November 16
L.I.F.T. Bible Study
Joint Finance Committee
Trustees

November 17
Bibles and Bagels
Presbyterian Women

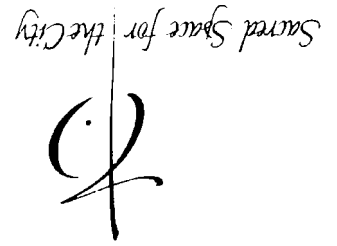
November 19
Celiac Support Group
Friends of Music Concert

November 20
Thanksgiving Luncheon

November 24
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

November 25
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November 28
Men's Group



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Candlelight and Carols Concert

**Saturday, December 10
7:30 PM**

All choirs, brass and organ will participate in the 66th edition of this annual Pasadena and PPC holiday tradition, which will also include plenty of audience caroling. The featured work will be *Veni Emmanuel* by Elizabeth Sellers.

**FREE ADMISSION
INVITE A FRIEND**



**Daylight
Savings Time
Ends
November 6**

Don't forget to set your
clocks **back** the night
before!